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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1038

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SUBJECT: IRAQ PUSHING ARAB LABOR UNITY

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 383, (B) BAGHDAD 567, (C) BAGHDAD 749,
(D) 77 BAGHDAD 2190 (ALL NOTAL).
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1. BAGHDAD-BASED VERSION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION
OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS (UCATU-B) IS SEEKING TO EXPAND ITS
BASE OF SUPPORT. ICATU-B DELEGATION LEFT BAGHDAD MAY 15
ON VISIT TO KUWAIT, YAR AND PDYR. DELEGATION SPOKESMAN,
SI AHMED OULD AHMED OF MAURITANIA, SAID THAT TALKS WITH
TRADE UNIONISTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WOULD AIM AT

"RECTIFYING THE NEGATIVE OUTCOME OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ICATU CONFERENCE HELD IN KUWAIT IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY THIS YEAR." SIMILAR DELEGATIONS HAVE ALREADY VISITED MOROCCO, ALGERIA AND LIBYA.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IRAIS WALKED OUT OF KUWAIT CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THEIR FAILURE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR POSITIONS EMBARRASSING TO THE SYRIANS (REF A). IRAQIS CLAIM THAT ICATU HEADQUARTERS IS NOW IN BAGHDAD AND THAT ALI AL-MAWLA IS SECRETARY-GENERAL (REF B). WE SUSPECT THAT THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH WE SHALL CALL ICATU-B, EXISTS MAINLY ON PAPER. NONETHELESS, IT SOUGHT TO REPRESENT ARAB WORLD AT WFTU CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE (REF C).

3. IT REMAINS OUR VIEW THAT BAGHDAD IS AN UNHEALTHY SITE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS OF A PAN-ARAB LABOR MOVEMENT (REF D). WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS AS TO WHETHER ICATU-B APPEARS TO BE GAINING SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF IRAQ'S BORDERS.
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